

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Tsunenori ARAI *et al.*

Title: ***SHEATH REMOVAL HOLE CLOSING DEVICE  
USING LASER WELDING SCHEME***

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to a non-final Office action dated November 9, 2010, concerning the captioned application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this document.